

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing device, comprising:

an input device operable to receive data;

a decoder operable to decode the received data when said received data is encrypted data;

a judging unit operable to judge: (i) whether said received data ~~conforms to a predetermined standard~~ is audio data, and (ii) whether said encrypted data has been properly decoded; and

an output stop unit operable to ~~stop the supply of output data from said decoder to a later processing device~~ execute mute processing to prevent sound emission when said judging unit determines if any one of the following two items exists: (i) said received data ~~does~~ is not audio data conform to said predetermined standard, and (ii) said encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when said judging unit judges that said encrypted data has been properly decoded after ~~the output of said data from said decoder has been stopped~~ the mute processing has been initiated by said output stop unit, the operation of said output stop unit is canceled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of said data from said decoder is resumed.

4. (currently amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

receiving data;

decoding the received data when said received data is encrypted data;

judging whether said received data ~~conforms to a predetermined standard~~ is audio data, and whether the encrypted data has been properly decoded; and

~~stopping the supply of output data from the decoding step to a later processing step~~ executing mute processing to prevent sound emission when the judging step determines if any one of the following two items exists: (i) said received data ~~does~~ is not conform to said predetermined standard audio data, and (ii) the encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The information processing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein, when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has been properly decoded after ~~the output of the data from the decoding step has been stopped~~ mute processing has been initiated by the executing ~~stopping~~ step, the ~~executing~~ stopping step is cancelled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of the data from the decoding step is resumed.

7. (currently amended) A recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program for information processing, the program comprising the steps of:

receiving data;

decoding the received data when said received data is encrypted data;

judging whether said received data is audio data ~~conforms to a predetermined standard~~, and whether the encrypted data has been properly decoded; and

~~stopping the supply of output data from the decoding step to a later processing step~~ executing mute processing to prevent sound emission when the judging step determines if any one of

the following two items exists: (i) said received data ~~does~~ is not ~~conform to said predetermined standard audio data~~, and (ii) the encrypted data has not been properly decoded.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The recording medium recorded with a computer-readable program as claimed in claim 7, wherein, when the judging step judges that the encrypted data has been properly decoded after ~~the output of the data from the decoding step has been stopped~~ mute processing has been initiated by the ~~stopping~~ executing step, the ~~stopping~~ executing step is cancelled after a predetermined time has elapsed, whereby the output of the data from the decoding step is resumed.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)